(2) (a) Yes.

(b) The memorial contains suggestions for protecting the interests of the cocoanut industry of this State and for placing it on a remunerative basis. It also refers to the necessity for intensive and extensive expansion of production, the development of cocoanut products generally, finding out outside markets for the sale of cocoanuts and cocoanut products, the organisation of Co-operative marketing Societies for the sale of nuts and the opening of a central library with works on cocoanut industry. The memorial also contains the suggestion that a cocoanut cess of 6 as. to 12 as. per acre of cocoanut garden may be collected and utilised for the improvement and organisation of the cocoanut industry.

(3) The matter is under consideration of Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly state whether they have invited public criticism before coming to a definite conclusion in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It has been forwarded to me and I am making a report and the whole matter is being considered. The necessity for inviting public criticism will be considered before orders are passed.

Budget provision under 19—Police Motor Boat—utilisation of.

113. **Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state as to whether the sum of Rs. 3,100 allotted for in the Budget for 1111 under item 19—under Motor Boat, has yet been utilised; if so, how?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—A sum of Rs. 2,901—3—0 has been spent so far—Rs. 2,200 was adjusted to the credit of the P. W. D. for the purchase of a new Engine for the Boat and the balance towards the running charges of the Motor Boat.

Murder case within the jurisdiction of the Irinjalakkuda Police Station—Investigation of.

114. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether there was a murder case on the 12th Kanni 1111 within the jurisdiction of the Irinjalakkuda Police Station;

(b) the number of persons murdered;

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(c) the exact time of the murder and the exact distance of the spot from the Police Station;

(d) when did the Police get information, and

(e) when did the Police arrive at the spot;

(f) who was the Police officer who arrived at the spot first;

(g) the time of sending the dead bodies for post-mortem examination;

(h) when was the first report made to the Magistrate;

(i) did the Police charge the case and what was the result?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—(a) Yes.

(b) Three.

(c) On the night of 12th Kanni 1111; 5 miles.

(d) At 1 p. m. on 13th Kanni 1111.

(e) About 2 to 3 hours after the occurrence was reported at the station.

(f) Constable No. 358.

(g) After 2-30 p. m. on 14th Kanni 1111.

(h) Immediately after the case was recorded.

(i) Yes; the case ended in acquittal.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether it is on account of the delay of the police to go to the spot and immediately make the necessary investigation that the case ended in an acquittal?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—The court before which the case was tried did not find that there was any delay in going to the spot.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What about the position of the Hon'ble Member himself? In such serious cases somebody more than an ordinary police constable ought to have gone there.

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—A police constable went there first as soon as information was received at the Station, to guard the dead-body. After that the Inspector went to the spot. The question was who went there first.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—When did the Inspector go?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—Later on the day.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—At his leisure.

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—After recording the first information and finishing other formalities he went there at 1 p. m. Immediately the information was got, it was recorded.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The case was acquitted because the Police arrested the wrong man?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—The accused was given the benefit of doubt.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—By whom was the case recorded?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—It was recorded by the Inspector in charge of the station.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— There were three murders, is it not?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.—It was a triple murder.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— ഈ കേസ് അന്വേഷിയ്ക്കുവാൻ കമ്മീഷണരവർകൾ പോയിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

Mr. A. L. Devassy.— I have not referred to the diary of my predecessor.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— മർഡർ കേസുകളുണ്ടായാൽ പോലീസു കമ്മീഷണരവർകൾ സ്ഥലത്തുപോയി അന്വേഷിക്കാറു പതിവുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എ. എൽ. ദേവസ്സി.— പതിവുണ്ട്.

Decree in O. S. 52 of 1110—Irinjalakkuda Munsiff's Court—Execution of.

115. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the date of the decree in O. S. 52 of 1110 in the Irinjalakkuda Munsiff's Court;

(b) what is the amount of the decree;

(c) what is the date of the Execution petition;

(d) what portion of the decree debt has been paid;

(e) after paying Rs. 55, did the judgment-debtor apply for time to pay the balance;

(f) why was the request refused and property sold forthwith;

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